

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant David D. Gunther's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Gunther devoted over 20 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader within the 153<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Battalion; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

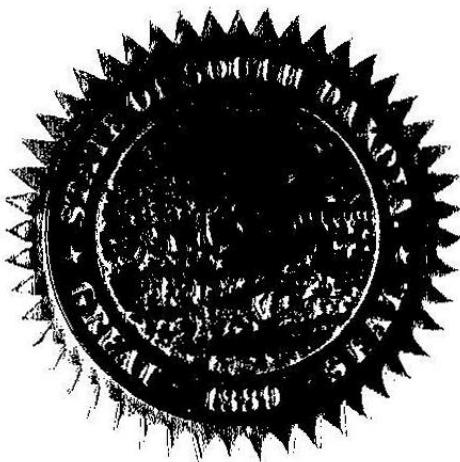
*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Gunther continues to give of himself; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant David D. Gunther for more than 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

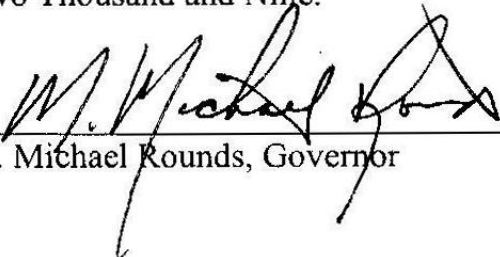
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2009, as

### *STAFF SERGEANT DAVID D. GUNTHER DAY*

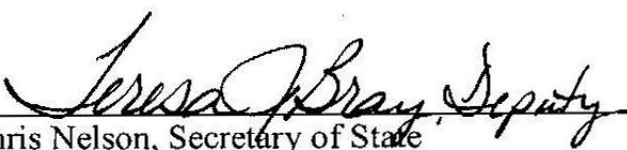
in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State